

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 14, and 16 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-7, 9-14, and 16-22 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected all claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kalajan (U.S. Patent No. 6,202,156). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Kalajan describes establishing an access-controlled communications path by validating a client “through a password system” that relies on “a known sequence of validation codes or sequences” such as a validation code sequence corresponding to specific entry in a table of validation code sequences. (4:1-14.) Once validated, “the client is allowed access to the network resource based upon the validated client network address.” Kalajan states that “other validation techniques” may be used (4:4), but all of the examples provided, including one-time passwords (4:15-22) and a “smart card that generates a known sequence of validation codes or sequences” (4:2-3), rely on a client knowing and providing the **content** of a passphrase of some form. Authenticating based on a known sequence of validation codes or other password, as described by Kalajan, is not authenticating “based at least in part on something other than a valid authentication data being present in the payload of a packet.” As such, claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-7 and 9-13 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

As with claim 1, claim 14 recites that authentication be based at least in part on “something other than a valid authentication data being present in the payload of a packet.” Therefore, it is believed that claim 14 is also allowable.


Claims 17-22 depend from claim 14 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

As with claim 1, claim 16 recites that authentication be based at least in part on “something other than a valid authentication data being present in the payload of a packet.” Therefore, it is believed that claim 16 is also allowable.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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